

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	Group Art Unit: 3672
Richard L. Giroux, et al.	§	
Serial No.: 10/775,048	§	
Confirmation No.: 8979	§	Examiner: Hoang C. Dang
Filed: February 9, 2004	§	
For: METHODS AND	§	Customer No. 36735
APPARATUS FOR	§	
WELLBORE	§	
CONSTRUCTION AND	§	
COMPLETION	§	

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 6, 2006**

In response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 6, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0359.P1/WBP, the fee of \$ 1,500.00 for 10 additional claims including 5 independent claims, and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.